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Ms. Emily Crose
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Reference: F-2019-02417

Dear Ms. Crose:

This letter is in furtherance of your 10 September 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, received in the Office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 10 September 2019, for information regarding:

- 1. Internal documentation related to the OPM Hack (occurring in 2015) which released the personal information of thousands of American civil service personnel.**
- 2. Recorded material pursuant to investigative reaction to this security breach.**

Regarding Item 1, we are unable to process your FOIA request in its current form as it is not reasonably described in a manner for us to conduct a proper search in our record systems. Internal documentation “related to” the OPM hack (occurring in 2015) is too broad. Therefore, we recommend that you refine your request in a manner that provides additional clarity about the nature of the records you seek. This will facilitate our ability to conduct effective, efficient searches of our holdings.

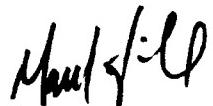
For example, we could search for particular incidents or events that are identifiable by a date or at a precise location within a specific date range. We can search if you describe a specific activity surrounding the activity within a date range; we can search for finished intelligence concerning a topic within a specific date range; we can search for biographic reports on specific individuals within a date range. We suggest that you describe exactly what it is you wish to obtain in your request on that specific topic. We always recommend that you provide a reasonable, narrowed date range, to the extent possible.

As you may already be aware, records concerning the subject of your request have been reviewed previously and released to our website. We recommend that you go to our FOIA Electronic Reading Room located at www.cia.foia.gov/library/readingroom to obtain additional

information on the OPM hack, which could also be useful in refining the language of your request for Item 1.

We will hold your request for 45 business days from the date of this letter pending your response. If we do not hear from you within the time frame, we will assume that you are not interested in modifying this request, close your request for Item 1 as it is not reasonably described, and proceed to process your request for Item 2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly
Information and Privacy Coordinator